IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant(s): Donald F. Gordon, Sadik Bayrakeri, Edward A. Ludvig,

Eugene Gershtein, Jerry S. Edmonds, John P. Comito

Case:

19880-000700 (DIVA/245 CIP1)

Serial No.

09/454,216

Filed: December 9, 1999

Examiner:

SRIVASTAVA, V.

Group Art Unit:

2611

2003

Title:

PICTURE-IN-PICTURE AND MULTIPLE VIDEO STREAMS USING

SLICE-BASED ENCODING

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116, the following remarks are presented in response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4, 12-17, 23-60 and 36-37.

Please replace claims 5-7, 9, 18-22 and 31-32 with rewritten claims 5-7, 9, 18-22

and 31-32 as follows:

(Twice Amended) A method for encoding a program guide having included therein a guide portion and a video portion, the method comprising:

encoding a first set of slices for the guide portion for each of a plurality of guide pages, where the first set of slices are intra-coded; and

encoding a second set of slices for the video portion for each of a plurality of video streams, where the second set of slices are intra-coded;

Globa

Work

BI

43

